

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.	DOCKET NO. TF-03-188 (TCU-96-11)
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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued August 6, 2003)

On June 9, 2003, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed local exchange tariff providing the terms, conditions, and rates for local exchange service in listed exchanges as described in the local exchange maps of Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Sprint requests the Board approve the proposed tariff and grant it a certificate to provide service in the listed exchanges. The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-03-188.

On February 20, 1997, the Board issued an order in Docket No. TCU-96-11, approving Sprint's application to provide service in the listed exchanges. The order stated that a certificate would be issued when Sprint obtained an approved tariff setting forth the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. Since its original application was filed several years ago, Sprint filed updated financial, technical, and managerial information as well as an updated business plan on January 16, 2003.

On January 3, 2003, Sprint filed a proposed tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-03-3, and requested the Board approve the tariff and grant it a certificate to

provide service in the listed exchanges. However, the Board was concerned about Sprint's proposed local offerings and whether those offerings were consistent with the public interest. The Board also was concerned that Sprint may have been offering services to distinct classes of customers at the exclusion of others. By order issued on April 16, 2003, the Board rejected Sprint's earlier tariff filing and denied Sprint a certificate without prejudice.

Sprint's proposed tariff filed June 9, 2003, addresses the concerns raised in the Board's April 16, 2003, order. Specifically, the proposed tariff indicates a lower rate for basic local residential service to \$24.99 per month, compared to Sprint's previously proposed rate of \$40.99 per month. In addition, the primary service connection fee as indicated by the proposed tariff, is lowered to \$39.99 per line, as opposed to the original rate of \$69.99. Sprint's basic service offering proposes residential local exchange service with unlimited local calling, but custom calling features and long distance is not offered at this rate. Sprint also proposes offering several other bundled residential services, all of which include long distance as part of the package. Sprint also proposes to waive the service connection charge (\$34.99) for those customers choosing one of the bundled services, as long as they retain their existing telephone number when switching their service to Sprint. Sprint is not proposing to offer any business services in this tariff filing.

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. Notice was provided to all affected carriers and the proposed tariff has adequately addressed the concerns raised by the Board in its April 16, 2003, order. While Sprint's proposed tariff does

not include an offering of business service, Sprint filed a statement with the Board July 16, 2003, indicating that it plans to offer a business product following the approval of this tariff filing. Based on this representation, the Board will approve the tariff effective the date of this order and issue Sprint a certificate of public convenience and necessity concurrent with this order. Sprint shall file an amendment to this approved tariff reflecting the addition of business services within 30 days of the issuance of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The tariff filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P., on June 9, 2003, identified as TF-03-188, is approved effective the date of this order.
2. Sprint shall file an amendment to this approved tariff reflecting the addition of business services within 30 days of the issuance of this order.
3. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0271, is being issued to Sprint Communications Company, L.P., concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of August, 2003.